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SUBJECT: VISIT PRG DELEGATION TO BUDAPEST

1. SUMMARY. PRG DELEGATION HEADED BY NFL CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NGUYEN HUU THO, AND CONSISTING OF FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN THI BINH, VICE FONMIN LE QUANG CHANG, NLF CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT MEMBER HO XUAN SON AND MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT HEAD NGUYEN NHU ARRIVED IN BUDAPEST DECEMBER 10. DEL. RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT LOSONCZI,

HSWP FIRST SEC KADAR AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL GOH OFFICIALS. VISIT TO DATE INCLUDED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, SIGNING OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENT ON RECONSTRUCTION AID, PRG DENIAL OF INTENTIONS TO LAUNCH JANUARY OFFENSIVE, GOH SUPPORT FOR PRG DRIVE TO ACHIEVE OBSERVER STATUS AT UN, AND USUAL DENUNCIATIONS OF ALLEGED GRV "VIOLATIONS OF PARIS ACCORDS". TWO SPEECHES BY LOSONCZI SUPPORTED ALL PRG OBJECTIVES BUT AVOIDED MAKING ANY MENTION OF USG IN POST PARIS AGREEMENTS

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PERIOD RESTRICTING CONDEMNATION OF VIOLATIONS TO GRV. PRGDEL

NOW SPENDING "FEW DAYS" IN PROVINCES TO REST WITH
FINAL DEPARTURE DATE UNKNOWN. COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED SOON,
PROBABLY DEC 15.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ON DEC 11 THE DELEGATION VISITED
PARLIAMENT, OTHER CITY HIGHLIGHTS AND LAID WREATHS ON HUNGARIAN
HEROES' MEMORIAL AS WELL AS ON BUST OF HO CHI MINH IN BUDAPEST'S
HANOI PARK. DEC 12 DELEGATION ATTENDED A MASS RALLY AT DUNAUJVAROS
IRON WORKS AND VISITED A COOPERATIVE FARM AT ADONY.
ALSO MET WITH VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN HUNGARY. DELEGATION RECEIVED
AND ATTENDED BY NUMEROUS HIGH LEVEL GOH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING
PRESIDENT PAL LOSONCZI, HSWP POLITBURO MEMBER GYULA KALLAI
AND HSWP FIRST SECRETARY JANOS KADAR. MEDIA REPORTS STATE PURPOSE
OF TRIP IS REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, OF EACH COUNTRY'S
DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, OF PLANS FOR "PEACEFUL RECONSTRUCTION
OF LIBERATED TERRITORIES" AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, REITERATION OF
EACH SIDE'S SUPPORT FOR "STRICT IMPLEMENTATION" OF PARIS AGREEMENTS,
MUTUAL SUPPORT AND CONTINUED COOPERATION.

3. MAJOR EVENTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN CONCLUSION OF AN ECONOMIC
AGREEMENT, A PRESS CONFERENCE BY PRG FOREIGN MINISTER BINH,
A STATEMENT ISSUED FOLLOWING MME BINH'S MEETING WITH FONMIN
JANOS PETER AND HIS TWO PRINCIPAL DEPUTIES (PUJA AND MARJAI)
AND SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT LOSONCZI AND PRG DELEGATION CHAIRMAN
THO AT DEC 11 BANQUET AND DUNAUJVAROS RALLY.

4. PRESS REPORTS ON ECONOMIC AGREEMENT ARE VAGUE, STATING ONLY
THAT GOH WILL PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR RECONSTRUCTION
PURPOSES "ACCORDING TO ITS MEANS".

5. PRG FOREIGN MINISTER BINH'S PRESS CONFERENCE MADE USUAL RE-
FERENCES TO ALLEGED GRV AND USG "VIOLATIONS" OF PARIS ACCORDS AND
MENTIONS (ONE OF SEVERAL TIMES) THE 24,000 AMERICAN "MILITARY
ADVISORS DISGUISED AS CIVILIANS" REMAINING IN VIETNAM. IN HER
OPENING STATEMENT MME BINH POINTEDLY DENIED "GRV CLAIMS" THAT
PRG FORCES ARE PREPARING A JANUARY MILITARY OFFENSIVE, PROFESSING
INSTEAD THAT PRG INTERESTED ONLY IN STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS
ACCORDS AND "DEFENDING ITS TERRITORY AND POPULATION". MME BINH
ALSO REFERRED TO THE "THIRD FORCE", DECLARING THAT BRINGING
INTO BEING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE IS
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A PRINCIPAL PRG GOAL BECAUSE, IN EVENT OF A POLITICAL AGREEMENT,
"THIRD FORCE WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO
PLAY IN A COALITION GOVERNMENT".

6. IN STATEMENT FOLLOWING FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AS WELL
AS AT PRESS CONFERENCE, SUPPORT PLEDGED TO PRG DESIRE TO
GAIN OBSERVER STATUS AT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, A STEP CLAIMED
TO BE NECESSARY SINCE PARIS AGREEMENTS "ALREADY RECOGNIZED PRG"

AND GRV NOW HAS SUCH STATUS AT UN. UN MUST DEMONSTRATE, SHE SAID, THAT IT DOES NOT APPLY DISCRIMINATION. ALSO MENTIONED THAT MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES HAVE RECOGNIZED PRG AND ALGIERS CONFERENCE ALSO GAVE EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT.

7. LOSONCZI'S SPEECHES, ALTHOUGH WARM AND EFFUSIVE IN EXPRESSIONS OF

SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR PRG AND ITS OBJECTIVES, CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO USG IN PRESENT POLITICAL CONTEXT. IN CONDEMNING GRV FOR ALLEGED "VILATIONS" OF PARIS ACCORDS ALL THEMES FROM PRG DELEGATION SPEECHES WERE ECHOED EXCEPT THAT LOSONCZI LAID ALL BLAME ON GRV, FAILING TO EVEN MENTION "GRV SUPPORTERS".

8. WHILE PRG DELEGATION ATTACKS ON GRV AND USG SINCE SIGNING OF PARIS AGREEMENT FOLLOWED FAMILIAR PATTERS, GOH EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR PRG DID NOT INCLUDE ATTACKS ON US BY NAME. PRG OBVIOUSLY SEEKING LEGITIMACY IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. HUNGARIAN STATEMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF UN OBSERVER STATUS AND NECESSITY FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF PRG PLUS HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT GIVEN DELEGATION, CULMINATING IN VISIT WITH KADAR, SEEM TO UNDERSCORE THIS POINT.

9. EVENING PRESS DEC 14 ANNOUNCED ONLY THAT PRG DELETATION HAD DEPARTED FOR "FEW DAYS REST" IN PROVINCES BUT PROVIDED NO CLUE AS TO DATE FINAL DEPARTURE. IN ALL PROBABILITY DELEGATION'S NEXT HOSTS (PROBABLY MOSCOW) NOT YET READY TO RECEIVE IT. NEVERTHELESS, DELEGATION UPON DEPARTURE FROM BUDAPEST AIRPORT ACCORDED FULL HONORS USUALLY ACCORDED CHIEFS OF STATE.
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